

410 IAC 1-2.5-126 Q fever; specific control measures

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Sec. 126. The specific control measures for Q fever (infectious agent: *Coxiella burnetii*) are as follows:

(1) An investigation by the local health officer shall be performed immediately for case ascertainment and identification of an infection source. Investigation of the infection source shall be directed at:

(A) exposure to sheep, cattle, and goats;

(B) consumption of unpasteurized milk; and

(C) laboratories that handle the disease agents.

(2) Standard precautions for hospitalized patients shall be taken.

(3) Concurrent disinfection is required for sputum and blood and articles freshly soiled by these substances, using five-hundredths percent (0.05%) hypochlorite, five percent (5%) peroxide, or a 1:100 solution of triphenyl-based disinfectant. Use precautions at postmortem examination of suspected cases in humans and animals.

(4) Quarantine is not required.

(5) Immunization is not available. Protection of contacts is not applicable.

(6) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists set the standard clinical and laboratory case definition.

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